In 2008-09, the actual crude oil production was as follows:

(Figures in MMT)

State/Regions	Total
Offshore	22.231
Andhra Pradesh	0.289
Arunachal Pradesh	0.103
Assam	4.674
Gujarat	5.945
Tamil Nadu	0.265
TOTAL :	33.507

Scheme of cooking gas

1732. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working on a new scheme for cooking gas for rural poor;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the basis for giving the same to SC/ST in agency areas of each State, especially in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) to (c) In order to increase rural penetration and to cover remote as well as low potential areas, a new scheme is proposed to be implemented. Details of the scheme including the details relating to the provisions for reservation for SC/ST and other categories will be notified shortly.

LPG connections in Andhra Pradesh

1733. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of domestic LPG connections in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of applications in the waiting list; and

(c) the details of LPG connections released in the State during the last three years, year-wise, company-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that as on 01.06.2009 they are serving 115.8 lakh domestic LPG customers in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) While Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have nil waiting list in the State of Andhra Pradesh, Indian Oil Corporation Limited

(IOC) has reported that there is a waiting list of 30035 as on 01.07.2009 for release of new connections with their LPG distributors in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) OMCs have released 15.22 lakh new LPG connections during the last three years in the State of'Andhra Pradesh. The details are as under:-

(Figs. In lakh)

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
IOC	2.27	3.14	2.05
BPCL	0.58	1.01	1.45
HPCL	1.23	2.17	1.32
TOTAL :	4.08	6.32	4.82

The district-wise details are available with Directors (Marketing) of OMCs concerned.

Investment in gas field in Iran

1734.SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC is planning to invest US$ 3 billion in the Farzad gas field in Iran;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed investment;

(c) the amount of gas that ONGC could extract form the above gas field; and

(d) how Indian companies are competing with China to grab more and more oil fields in Iran?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) and (b) ONGC Videsh Ltd.(OVL) has submitted Master Development Plan (MPD) of Farzad – B gas field, Persian Guf, Iran to the Iranian Offshore Oil Company (IOOC) in compliance to the provisions of the Exploration Service Contract (ESC) for Farsi Block. The amount of the investment will depand on the approval of MDP by Iranian authorities.

(c) The potential of the gas production from Farzad – B gas field in 30 years is about 9.7 Trillion Cubic Feet (TCF). Since the Farsi block is being operated by OVL under ESC, the amount of gas has not been committed to OVL.

(d) As there are number of opportunities for companies desiring to invest in Iran, at present Indian National Oil Companies are not competing with China to acquire oil field in Iran, however, competition cannot be ruled out in future as it will depend on the type and quality of opportunity being made available.

Profit of ONGC

1735.SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: